

Bark Pacific Cruising In The

Tuesday March 17th All day a gale of wind and rain from E. S. E. all the B.M. blowing heavy with constant rain. Ship in the A.M. lying to under lower maintopsail. In the P.M. under double reefed Bk. Draco in sight to windward standing to the S. saw a merchant Bk steering off S. W. nothing more in sight all day except two Dolphin. Lat 30.13

Wednesday March 18th Comes in with fresh breezes from the S. E. W. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the S. E. E. under double reefed topsails and courses jib and spanker. Bk Draco in Co. at 12 M. wore ship heading W. S. W. wind having hauled to the S. Lat 30.34 Long 44.00

Thursday March 19th Comes in with strong gales from the E. S. W. and a heavy swell from the same direction and overcast. Ship by the wind to the S and W. with double reefed topsails. Bk Draco in sight and another vessel steering to the S. W. at 8 A.M. wore ship heading to the N. E. Nothing indicating whales all day. Lat 30.37

Friday March 20th All day strong gales from the E. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the N. E. under double reefed topsails, foresail and jib. Bark Draco in Co. - saw also a Brig to the leeward standing to the N. E. nothing more in sight all day. Lat 30.34 Long 45.00

Saturday March 21st All day moderate breezes from the N. and N. W. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the E. S. E. with all prudent sail out. Foretopsail on deck undergoing repair - one sail - we call the Draco in sight in the lee quarter also in sight one sail steering to the S. W. Lat at merid. 28.56 Long by Chron. 43.17

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Sunday March 22d All day light baffling winds from S. to E. and E. S. E. with fine pleasant weather. Ship steering to the N. E. with all sail out. - saw in the morning two sail a Brig and a bark steering to the S. W. nothing more in sight all day - Good seeing but no whales - no birds - no fish or anything indicating whales - all sick are about deck being the first time all have been on deck since leaving home. Daniel the boatswain goes mopeing around without much life or activity but no doubt he will get around when he finds out that he cannot be discharged. Jim Manaka is also mopeing about with life or ambition, but he is better than he was three days ago. Lat at merid 28.24 Long by Chron. 42.50

Monday March 23d All day moderate breezes from the N. and N. E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind cruising with all sail out to the E. Saw two or three schools of Grampuses and just at night saw one sail steering to the S. W. - Nothing more in sight all day - no porpoises, birds or anything indicating whales. Lat 27.42 Long 42.35

Tuesday March 24th All day moderate breezes from N. E. and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind cruising with all sail out to the E. - saw two sail steering to the E. and one S. W. - Nothing in sight all day indicating whales. Lat 28.05 Long 41.25

Wednesday March 25th All day fresh winds from the N. Ship by the wind to the E. S. E. with all sail out. - Two sail in sight - at 1 1/2 P.M. raised sperm whales by Mr. Parker going quite slow to the windward - lowered all four boats and chased - S. B. struck and killed one 15 Bbls. - S. B. went on and miped by Andrew. Whist Boat went on and got stove badly. By a calf running his head up through the boat just in the act of striking - cut the whale. Lat 27.45 Long 38.50